

Unified School District 237

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**USD 237 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Board Minutes for Monday, February 9, 2026
216 S. Jefferson St., Smith Center, KS 66967
Smith Center Board of Education Meeting Room**

Item 1. Call to Order

President Marty Hanson called the meeting to order.

3:00 PM

Present for the call to order were Board Members Jodi Frydendall, Adam Rentschler, Libby McDonald, Sara Pruden, Joe Wiehl and Wyatt Rhoades, Superintendent Dustin McEwen, Board Clerk Susan Panter, Principals Michelle Stamm and Greg Koelsch, Patrons Tristan Haynes, Greyson Haynes and Shane Hrabe

Item 2. Approval of Agenda - Add/Delete

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 3. Approval of Consensus Items

- a. January 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. February 9, 2026 Statements
- c. Approval of Donations
- d. Approval of Madonna Jamison Scholarship Committee
- e. Approval of Resignation Head HS Football Coach - Mike Rogers

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve the Consensus Items. Wyatt Rhoades seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 4. Public Forum

None

Item 5. Approval of Board Policy BCBI

Mr. McEwen discussed guidelines for the BCBI Policy, Patron Participation in Board Meetings. Libby McDonald made a motion to approve the BCBI Guidelines. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

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Item 6. Approval of Change to Board Policy JBD

Mr. McEwen reviewed policy JBD that was approved in September. There was a change to the student attendance definition for a significant part of the day. It was recommended that we change the policy back to accommodate our attendance software.

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the change to board policy JBD as recommended. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 7. Approval of Purchase of New Suburban

Mr. McEwen discussed the bid received from Don Hattan in Wichita for a 2026 suburban.

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Suburban from Don Hattan. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 8. Discussion and Approval of 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar as presented. Joe Wiehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 9. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Greenbush/Classroom and Jason Wilson and Anthony Blair/Driving Portion for Driver's Education

Mr. McEwen discussed driver's education for the summer. Greenbush will be doing the classroom portion and we will have Jason Wilson and Anthony Blair do the driving portion. Travis Elliott is getting his certification and will do his practicum this summer with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Blair.

Sara Pruden made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Greenbush for the classroom portion and Jason Wilson and Anthony Blair for the driving portion of driver's education. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 10. Discussion and Approval of EZ School Pay

Mr. McEwen discussed the EZ School Pay that would allow parents to make online payments for students' lunch accounts.

Libby McDonald made a motion to approve EZ School Pay. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

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Item 11. Approval of Board Retreat March 24, 2026

Adam Rentschler made a motion to approve the Board Retreat on March 24, 2026. Wyatt Rhoades seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Item 12. Reports

- a. Libby McDonald, NCKSEC Interlocal #636 Report
 - Nothing to Report
- b. Greg Koelsch, Jr-Sr. High Principal Report
 - Congratulations to Madison Howland for qualifying for the Kansas Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association all-state academic team.
 - Congratulations to Gavin Hickert, Kharson Montgomery and Jonny Schlatter for qualifying for the All-League Academic honors.
 - Congratulations to Kharson Montgomery and Parker Hutchinson for signing their letter of intent to play football for Friends University next year.
 - Both jr. high and high school Scholar's Bowl are in full swing. The high school team won the Norton invitational on January 29th. The jr. high scholar's bowl was held at Smith Center on February 2nd. Thank you to Mrs. Attwood for organizing the event and to all the workers who helped in the meet.
 - Jr High will have the annual spelling bee on February 11th at 12:45 in the auditorium.
 - IPS groups are getting ready for the student-led conferences on February 26th.
 - Math Mondays are continuing to be a success during IPS time
 - STUCCO has been actively working on several student engagement activities this past month including a Super Bowl prediction contest, scavenger hunt the week of Valentine's day, Guess the Celebrity Couple game and a Winter Unformal.
 - There are several fundraiser meals at home wrestling and basketball games.
 - Have been in contact with the athletic director at Fort Hays State University regarding league basketball being at Fort Hays.

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- On February 26th the FFA will be hosting the Ag Sales and Job Interviews at the high school.
- Researching different options as to which company to use for lighting at football field
- c. Michelle Stamm, Elementary Principal Report
 - 3rd grade students were shining stars at the 2026 Wax Museum
 - Cierra Wallgren, Hayley Moll and Hallie Theobald met on February 3rd to continue planning for our elementary playground upgrade.
 - The 100th day of school was Monday, February 2nd.
 - We will welcome prospective kindergarten students on Thursday, March 5th and Friday, March 6th.
 - Staff spent a little time planning for our Literacy week during our January in-service. We will celebrate Growing Readers March 9-11. Our family literacy night will be on Tuesday, March 10th from 5:30-7.
 - In the fall, Growing Paraeducators was implemented. This is a time when myself and the paras can share tips, tools and research based interventions.
 - 2nd grade has been candling eggs with Mr. Lambert. There have been 11 chicks hatched.
- d. Dustin McEwen, Superintendent Report
 - Lighting at football field - thankful for the generous donation that was made to help with this project
 - Mr. Wiehl, Mr. Rhoades and myself will be attending the Foundations of Boardmanship Training online February 25 and 26.

Item 13. Executive Session - Personnel - To Protect the Interest of the Individual(s) to be discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA

Adam Rentschler made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Personnel - To Protect the Interest of the Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of twenty (20) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **4:13 PM**. Sara Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

3:53 PM

Susan Panter, Greg Koelsch, Michelle Stamm, Tristan Haynes, Greyson Haynes and Shane Hrabe left the closed meeting.

3:53 PM

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The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

4:13 PM

Item 14. Executive Session - Personnel - To Discuss an Individual(s) Employee's Performance, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA

Sara Pruden made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Personnel - To Discuss an Individual(s) Employee's Performance, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of twenty (20) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **4:34 PM**. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

4:14 PM

Susan Panter left the closed meeting.

4:14 PM

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

4:34 PM

Sara Pruden made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Personnel - To Discuss an Individual(s) Employee's Performance, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of twenty (20) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **4:54 PM**. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

4:34 PM

Susan Panter left the closed meeting.

4:34 PM

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Sara Pruden left the closed meeting at **4:51 PM**

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting.

4:54 PM

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Jodi Frydendall made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Personnel - To Discuss an Individual(s) Employee's Performance, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **4:59 PM**. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **4:54 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **4:54 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **4:59 PM**

Jodi Frydendall made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Personnel - To Discuss an Individual(s) Employee's Performance, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **5:04 PM**. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **4:59 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **4:59 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **5:04 PM**

Jodi Frydendall made a motion that the board members and Mr. McEwen move into Executive Session - Personnel - To Discuss an Individual(s) Employee's Performance, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for a period of five (5) minutes, returning to the open meeting in this room at **5:09 PM**. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. **5:04 PM**

Susan Panter left the closed meeting. **5:04 PM**

The board members and Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters.

Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. **5:09 PM**

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Item 15. Board Comments

There was discussion of doing a facilities tour for the board members.

Item 16. Adjourn

Adam Rentschler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jodi Frydendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

5:17 PM

....."it shall be my constant endeavor to devote time, thought and study to the duties and responsibilities of a school board member so that I may render effective and credible service....."

School Board Member Code of Ethics

A blue ink signature of Marty Hanson, written in a cursive style. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Marty Hanson, President

A black ink signature of Susan Panter, written in a cursive style. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Susan Panter, Clerk

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